MINUTES

OF THE

North New Jersey

Baptist Association.

1874.

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OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

North New Jersey Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

EAST ORANGE BAPTIST CHURCH,

June 10th and 11th, 1874.

Next Anniversary to be held at PASSAIC, on the second Wednesday of June, 1875, at 10 A. M.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—BRO. W. D. HEDDEN. HISTORICAL SKETCH—NORTHFIELD CHURCH.

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OFFICERS FOR 1874-5.

Moderator,	Rev. D. SILVER,	Hamburgh.
Standing Clerk,	" G. F. LOVE,	Deckertown.
Assistant Clerk,	" J. L. DAVIS,	Livingston.

Treasurer of Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund,
E. S. NORRIS, Jersey City.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

R. B. KELSAY,	Passaic.	J. H. GUNNING,	Morristown.
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P. GIBB,	Millington.	G. F. LOVE,	Deckertown.

The Board of Managers are requested to meet during each Quarterly Meeting.

TRUSTEES OF THE DISABLED MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

First Class,	H. C. ALBERT, Newark,	Term expires in June, 1875.
" "	S. A. McGREGOR, Paterson,	" " " "
Second Class,	T. R. BEARDSLEY, Hamburgh,	" " " 1876.
Third Class,	E. S. NORRIS, Jersey City,	" " " 1877.
" "	J. F. SANXAY, Bloomfield,	" " " "

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

First Meeting at Schooley's Mountain, September 9th and 10th, commencing at 2 P. M. Preachers—Brethren J. Banvard, W. F. Stubbert, W. H. Parmly and D. Silver.

Second Meeting at Mount Salem, December 9th and 10th, commencing at 2 P. M. Preachers—Brethren J. M. Carpenter, J. H. Andrews, R. B. Kelsey and A. H. Robinson.

Third Meeting at Rutherfurd Park, March 10th and 11th, commencing at 2 P. M. Preachers—Brethren J. H. Gunning, W. Hague, G. E. Horr and A. S. Patton.

COMMITTTEE OF CONFERENCE WITH THE EAST NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION.

W. H. PARMLY, J. BANVARD, A. S. PATTON.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1875.

Next Anniversary,	Baptist Church, Passaic.
Preacher,	Bro. W. D. Hedden, East Orange.
Alternate,	" J. H. Andrews, Englewood.
Church History,	Northfield Church.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Andrews, J. H.....Englewood.
Babbage, J.....East Orange.
Banvard, J.....Paterson.
Brinkerhoff, C.....Mount Salem.
Bogart, A., Jr.,
Hoboken, or 202 Greenwich-st., N. Y.
Bronson, E. H......Jersey City.
Clancy, T. F.....Weehawken.
Constantine, A. A.....West Summit.
Carpenter, J. M.....Bloomingdale.
Craig, J. T.....Baltimore.
Davis, J. L.....Livingston.
Davis, Thomas.....Bloomfield.
Day, J.....Newark.
Entrekin, J. G.....Mount Olive.
Fisher, R.,
Union Hill, or 251 Broadway, N. Y.
Gibb, P.....Millington.
Gunning, J. H.....Morristown.
Grenelle, T. M.....Glenwood.
Grenelle, Z. .....Hackensack.
Gubelman, H.....Jersey City Heights.
Harris, W. B.....Jersey City Heights.
Hague, W.....North Orange.
Hedden, W. D.....East Orange.
Horr, Geo. E.....Newark.
Howell, W. E.....Caldwell.
Jenkins, Horace.....China.
Kelsay, R. B.....Passaic.
Knapp, S. J.....Paterson.
Love, G. F.....Deckertown.
Maul, W. R.....Hoboken.
McGowan, A. B.....Belvidere.
McGonegal, R.....Hackensack.
Northam, J......Weehawken.
Parmly, W., H. 158 Grand-st., Jersey City.
Patton, A. S.....37 Park Row, N. Y.
Silver, D.....Hamburgh.
Stubbert, W. F.....Bloomfield.
Verrinder, W.....Jersey City.
Wiggin, H. B.....North Orange.
Woodworth, A. B.....Millburn.

PLAN

OF

Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund,

FOR

NORTH NEW JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

In order to create a Fund for this benevolent purpose, we recommend:

MEANS.

1. That the Churches composing this Association make an annual public collection in aid of this fund, the Lord's day preceding our Associational meeting.

2. That every church appoint a brother to receive yearly subscriptions and donations to this object.

OBJECTS.

1. Persons intended to receive the benefit of this fund are disabled ordained ministers connected with the Association, and the widows and orphans of deceased ordained ministers, who, at the time of their death, were in good standing in the Association; and no others.

2. Relief afforded to widows to continue during their widowhood, and no longer.

3. If there be no surviving widow, but children in need, they shall receive the same portion as allowed to the widow, until they respectively arrive to their fifteenth year.

MANAGERS OF THE FUND.

1. This fund shall be entrusted to the custody and sole management of five Trustees, who shall be members of this body, and appointed by the Association, and, by lot, formed into three classes, the term of the first class to expire in one year, the term of the second in two years, and of the third in three years, and the vacancy thus occurring, and which shall occur in similar order in successive years, shall be filled annually by the Association.

2. The Board of Trustees shall meet annually, or oftener if required, for the transaction of business, and shall have power to fill any providential vacancy occurring in the Board, until the next meeting of the Association.

3. All applications for relief shall be made to the Trustees *in writing*, stating the name, residence, and circumstances of the applicant.

4. It shall be the business of the Board to receive and keep in charge all moneys appropriated to this fund; to receive and examine all applications for relief, and make such allowance of money to the needy as in their opinion the case may require, and the state of the funds may warrant.

5. It is required that the Trustees present to this Association, at each annual meeting, a statement of their funds, collections, and disbursements, with whatever else may be combined with this benevolent object, and the performance of their duty.

LEGACIES.

Whereas, it is highly probable that benevolent persons will be disposed to remember the Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund while making their last will and testament, the following form of bequest is respectfully submitted to their attention:

I give and bequeath to my executors herein named the sum of_____ Dollars in trust for the Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund of the North New Jersey Baptist Association, and direct my executors to pay the same to the person who, at my decease, shall be acting as Treasurer of the said fund, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge therefor.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. After the introductory sermon, the Moderator of the last session shall call the Association to order.

2. A Moderator and Clerk for the Association shall then be chosen by ballot.

3. The letters from the Churches shall then be read, and delegates take their seats. Ministers and Messengers from sister Associations and Societies shall then be received, and debate on all questions, but vote on none.

4. Unfinished business shall first be attended to as it stands on the minutes.

5. Committees shall then be appointed on the various subjects requiring the action of the Association.

6. New business shall be attended to in the order in which it is introduced; but no motion shall be entertained until regularly seconded.

7. The Moderator shall appoint committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. Every member when he speaks shall rise and address the chair; and no member may speak more than twice on the same subject, nor more than ten minutes at a time, unless permitted by the Association.

9. Every member when called to order shall sit down until the Moderator shall have decided whether he is in order or not, reserving the right to appeal to the body.

10. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

11. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

12. No delegate shall absent himself from the meetings of the Association without leave of the Moderator.

13. Delegates are requested to vote upon all questions before the body requiring a vote.

14. Alterations of these rules may be made at any regular meeting of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called the NORTH NEW JERSEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. This Association shall be composed only of ministers and messengers who shall be members of the churches which they represent; and delegates from societies having similar objects in view may be admitted from time to time at the discretion of the body.

ARTICLE III. The object of this Association shall be to combine the efforts of the several churches of which it is composed, to promote the cause of Christ generally, but more particularly within its own bounds, by holding protracted meetings, by domestic missions, and by other benevolent plans, to which the churches or individuals of this body may be disposed voluntarily to contribute.

ARTICLE IV. As a summary of the doctrines and practices in which we unite as an Association, we adopt the following:

We believe that the Bible was written by Divine inspiration; that it is a perfect rule of Faith and Practice; and that, among others, it teaches the following important truths:

1. That there is one living and true God, infinite in every moral and natural excellence.

2. That he has revealed himself as the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the same in essence and equal in divine attributes.

3. That man was created upright; but sinning, he fell from that state; so that, by nature, there is in us no holiness, but we are inclined only to evil, and, "in that all have sinned," all are children of wrath, justly exposed to death, temporal and eternal.

4. The only way of salvation from this state of guilt and condemnation is through the righteousness and atonement of Jesus Christ, who assumed our nature, or became incarnate for the suffering of death, "and whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, having so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

5. That all who are brought in repentance and faith were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world; and that, in consequence not of their merit, but of God's own purpose and grace, the Holy Spirit (without whose influence none would ever repent and believe) performs the work of regeneration in their hearts.

6. That nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation; the sure and final proof of their being true believers consisting in the continuance of their attachment and obedience to Christ till the close of life.

7. That the only proper subjects of the Ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are professed believers; and that Baptism cannot be administered without immersion, and is, by Scriptural example, a prerequisite to Communion at the Lord's Table.

8. That according to the example of the Apostles, sanctioned by the repeated presence of Christ himself, after his resurrection, the first day of the week is to be observed as the Lord's Day.

9. That there will be a resurrection both of the just and the unjust; and that the Lord Jesus Christ will judge the quick and dead; when those who have continued or died impenitent will be sentenced to endless punishment, according to the desert of their sins; and all true believers in Christ, being completely delivered from sin, will be admitted into everlasting joy, and so shall they ever be with the Lord.

ARTICLE V. Churches wishing to unite with this Association, may apply by letter and Messengers; and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received; in token of which the Moderator shall give to their Messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

ARTICLE VI. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk (who shall also be Corresponding Secretary), and a Treasurer: who with nine other persons, chosen annually, shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of business during the associational year, and shall continue in office until successors are appointed—any five of whom shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. Any Church may send five delegates, and an additional one for every 100 members.

ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall hold its annual meeting commencing on the second Wednesday in June, at 10 o'clock A.M., and continue two days.

ARTICLE IX. The primary object of the meetings of this body shall be strictly religious and devotional, and shall be designed for the special purpose of promoting a revival spirit in the churches with which they may be held.

ARTICLE X. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall also engage to enquire into their standing, and report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. This Constitution may be subject to amendment at any annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

North New Jersey Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY.

1. The North New Jersey Baptist Association commenced its Forty-first Anniversary with the East Orange Baptist Church, on Wednesday, June 10th, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Brother J. DAY, of Newark, from Galatians 1 : 8—"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

3. Brethren L. MORSE, S. SIEGFRIED, J. BANVARD, and H. F. SMITH, assisted in the devotional exercises.

4. At the close of the sermon, the Moderator, Brother W. H. PARMLY, called the Association to order, and went into the election of officers by the appointment of Brethren THOMAS M. GRENELLE, JAMES L. DAVIS and J. H. ANDREWS, as Tellers, who reported for Moderator Brother DAVID SILVER, of Hamburgh; and Brother GEO. F. LOVE, of Deckertown, was elected Clerk, by acclamation.

5. The Moderator elect expressed his thanks for the honor conferred, and asked the prayers of the body that he might discharge the duties devolving upon him with satisfaction to all.

6. On motion of Brother W. H. PARMLY, of Jersey City, the usual invitation was given to visiting Brethren to a seat with us, and a share in our deliberations. Adopted.

7. The following Brethren accepted the invitation :

Brother O. Dodge, Missionary Union.
" J. Waters, A. B. P. Society.
" W. H. Wykoff, A. & F. B. Union.
" H. F. Smith, N. J. B. S. Convention.
" A. B. Clarke, Peddie Institute.
" H. V. Jones, South Jersey Institute.
" G. S. Webb, Central New Jersey Association.

Brother G. F. Hendrickson, Central New Jersey Association.
" H. A. Cordo, East New Jersey Association.
" D. Groesbeck, East New Jersey Association.
" R. Johnston, East New Jersey Association.
" A. D. Willifer, Trenton Association.
" D. C. Hughes, New Jersey.
" R. McGonegal, New York.
" D. Kelsay, Pennsylvania.
" W. B. Guiscard, Long Island Association.
" R. T. Middleditch, Long Island Association.
" J. Huggins, Southern New York Association.
" H. Bromley, Southern New York Association.
" L. Morse, Orange and Sullivan Association.
" S. Siegfried, Cayuga Association.

8. The Moderator then read the Rules of Order.

9. The Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Brethren W. D. Hedden, of East Orange, Geo. E. Horr, of Newark, (Roseville,) John T. Craig, of Newton.

10. On motion, Brother James L. Davis, of Livingston, was appointed Assistant Clerk.

11. The reading of letters began by that from the East Orange Baptist Church, extending to the delegates and friends a hearty welcome to their homes and hospitalities.

12. The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows:

That we adjourn at 12.30, meet at 2.30; continue the reading of letters. That at 4 o'clock, the several Brethren representing our denominational interests be given five minutes each, in which to present their several claims. That a Woman's Missionary Meeting be held in the Lecture Room, at 3 o'clock. That we adjourn at 5 o'clock. That a meeting for prayer be held from 7 to 7.45. That Brother J. H. Gunning, of Morristown, preach at 8 o'clock. Adopted.

13. An invitation was given by the North Orange Church to visit their beautiful new house of worship, and, if agreeable to the body, hold a session there.

14. The invitation was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

15. Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Brother H. A. Cordo, of Jersey City.

Afternoon Session—2.30.

16. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, after singing the 755th hymn,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

The venerable Father G. S. Webb, of New Brunswick, led in prayer.

17. The Moderator announced the following Committees:

18. Committee on Digest of Letters—

Brothers J. H. Gunning, of Morristown; R. B. Kelsay, of Passaic; J. Day, of Newark; J. M. Carpenter, of Bloomingdale; W. A. Gellatly, of Orange.

19. Committee on Resolutions—

Brothers J. Banvard, of Paterson; Geo. E. Horr, of Newark, (Roseville;) W. H. Parmly, of Jersey City; U. D. Ward, of Newark; T. M. Grenelle, of Glenwood.

20. Committee to Nominate Board of Managers—

Brothers J. T. Craig, of Newton; J. Babbage, of East Orange; C. Haynes, of Newark, (Roseville;) P. Gibb, of Millington; T. R. Beardsley, of Hamburgh.

21. Committee on Application of Churches—

Brothers J. F. Sanxay, of Bloomfield; C. Brinkerhoff, of Mount Salem; S. A. McGregor, of Paterson; T. F. Clancy, of New Durham; G. Gault, of Orange.

22. Committee on Church History—

Brothers W. F. Stubbert, of Bloomfield; E. Jewett, of Deckertown; A. H. McPherson, of East Orange; H. Hagell, of Newark; T. Davis, of Bloomfield.

23. Committee on Obituaries—

Brothers W. Hague, of Orange; W. E. Howell, of Caldwell; W. R. Maul, of Hoboken; G. Nelson, of Jersey City; S. J. Knapp, of Paterson.

24. Resumed reading the Letters.

25. After reading the letter from the Belvidere Church, reporting the payment of a debt of $6,000, freeing their property from all encumbrance, at the suggestion of Father Webb, Brother H. F. Smith, of New Brunswick, led in a prayer of devout thanksgiving.

26. The hour of 4 o'clock having come, business was suspended, to hear addresses from the following Brethren:

27. Brother W. H. Wykoff spoke on behalf of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Union, and of the proposed Union of the two organizations.

82. Following Brother Wykoff's address, Brother W. H. Parmly, of Jersey City, offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote:

Whereas, Steps have been taken by the Boards of the American and

Foreign Bible and American Bible Union, also by the American and Foreign Bible Society at its last Anniversary, looking to a Union, by which the constitutional objects of both Societies may be preserved and carried out; therefore,

Resolved, That we cordially approve such Union, and earnestly desire that it may be effected.

29. Brother O. Dodge plead for Foreign Missions, in his usual impressive manner, followed with remarks from Brethren W. Hague, G. S. Webb, and W. H. Parmly.

30. The American Baptist Home Mission Cause was ably represented by Brethren Parmly and Hague. The latter speaker gave a thrilling account of a New Testament Baptism, in Charleston, S. C., where Brother Jacob Legare, pastor of the Morris Street Baptist Church, recently immersed sixty-four converts on one occasion.

31. Brother H. F. Smith, Secretary of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention, advocated the claims of Domestic Missions.

32. The following resolution was offered by Brother W. H. Parmly, of Jersey City, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the increasing demands upon our liberality by the Baptist State Convention, by reason of the opening of new fields within the bounds of our Association, as well as in other parts of our State, we earnestly commend the State Convention to the favorable attention of all our Churches and Sunday Schools.

33. Brother Geo. E. Horr presented the claims of our Baptist Education Society, and plead for our young men who are struggling with poverty to gain that culture and training which will fit them, by the grace of God, for the work of the gospel ministry.

34. Brethren A. B. Clarke and H. V. Jones urged the claims of Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, and the South Jersey Institute, at Bridgeton.

35. The pressing needs of these Schools are, *money*, *pupils*, and the blessing of God.

36. Brother James Waters, District Secretary for our A. B. P. Society, urged its claims upon all our Churches and Sunday Schools.

37. Following Brother Waters' address, Brother R. B. Kelsay, of Passaic, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the very gratifying report of the Jubilee Year of the Bible and Publication Society, showing a grand progress and most excellent management, we do hereby reiterate our confidence in the Society, and recommend all our Churches to render constant aid; and that we recommend to our Churches and Sunday Schools to obtain and widely circulate the publications of the said Society.

38. The Committee on Digest of Letters made the following report, which, after some discussion and remarks by Brethren W. F. Stubbert, of Bloomfield, H. F. Smith, of New Brunswick, and R. McGonegal, of New York, was adopted:

That the usual Digest of Letters this year be made by the Clerks of the Association.

That the recommendation of the Bloomfield Church, in reference to Montclair and Belleville, be referred to the Board of Managers, with the request that they give it their earnest attention.

Also, they would further recommend, in view of the unnecessary time consumed in reading the Letters as now prepared—

That the Clerks be instructed to prepare blanks, not to exceed four pages, for the Church Letters and Statistics.

39. The time for adjournment was extended till 5.45 to hear the remaining letters.

40. Adjourned at 5.45, with prayer and the benediction by Bro. A. S. Patton, of Jersey City.

Evening Session—7 o'clock.

41. Met for prayer and conference, led by Brother R. Johnston. Brethren Geo. H. Atwood, P. Gibb, T. R. Beardsley, W. R. Maul, T. S. Fields, and Geo. F. Hendrickson took part in the exercises.

42. At 7.45 o'clock, the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Brother R. T. Middleditch, of Long Island.

43. Reading the Scripture by Brother W. R. Maul, of Hoboken, and prayer by Brother J. T. Craig, of Newton.

44. Sermon by Brother J. H. Gunning, of Morristown, from Acts 5: 42—"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

45. At the close of the sermon the business of the Association was resumed.

46. Committee to nominate Board of Managers made the following report, which was adopted:

R. B. Kelsay, of Passaic; G. H. Atwood, of Hackensack; Geo. E. Horr, of Newark, (Roseville); T. R. Beardsley, of Hamburgh; E. S. Norris, of Jersey City; P. Gibb, of Millington; J. H. Gunning, of Morristown; W. Hague, of Orange; C. W. Maxfield, of Bloomfield; J. G. Entrekin, of Mount Olive; D. Silver, of Hamburgh; G. F. Love, of Deckertown.

47. Brother Geo. H. Atwood offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of four be appointed to take into considera-

tion the advisability of separating the Sunday School Convention from the Association.

48. The following Brethren were appointed said Committee:

Geo. H. Atwood, of Hackensack; T. R. Beardsley, of Hamburgh; J. F. Sanxay, of Bloomfield; and J. Banvard, of Paterson.

49. The Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending:

That a meeting for prayer and conference be held to-morrow morning, from 9 till 10 o'clock.
That the Association resume its business at 10 o'clock.
That Brother J. Banvard preach at 11 o'clock.

50. Adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Brother J. T. Craig, of Newton.

THURSDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

51. Assembled for prayer and conference, conducted by Brother J. T. Craig, and participated in by Brethren Thomas Davis, G. H. Atwood, Geo. E. Horr, T. F. Clancy, W. H. Parmly, and J. H. Gunning.

52. The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Brother T. M. Grenelle, of Glenwood.

53. Resumed the reading of Letters from the Churches.

54. Committee on Application of Churches reported:

That the First Baptist Church of Rutherfurd Park had applied for membership in this body. That, having examined their credentials, would most cordially recommend that they be received into our number; which was adopted, and the hand of fellowship was given their delegate by the Moderator.

55. Brother J. Banvard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

That we recognize the right of the Churches to send any of their members to represent them in this body.

56. The hour having come for preaching, after singing 454th hymn, and prayer by Brother Geo. E. Horr, of Newark, Brother J. Banvard preached from John 14: 6—"I am the way."

57. The Committee on Sunday School Convention and Association reported:

That, after due consideration, would respectfully recommend that the first evening of the Association be devoted to the Sunday School Convention, and that its business be done at the close of the Association.

58. On motion, the matter was referred to the S. S. Convention,

with power to make the necessary arrangements. Adopted.

59. Committee of Conference with the East New Jersey Association, on the division of the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, reported:

That they had laid the matter before that body for their consideration. That a Committee was appointed by the Association to consider the legality of an equitable division of the Fund, and report next year.

60. Report accepted, and Committee continued, namely: Brethren W. H. Parmly, of Jersey City; J. Banvard, of Paterson; A. S. Patton, of Jersey City.

61. On motion, the time for adjournment was extended to 1 o'clock. Adopted.

62. Committee on Historical Sketch reported:

That the Wantage Church had not furnished a history for the present occasion.

Report accepted.

63. On motion of Brother Thomas Davis, a Committee, consisting of Brethren Geo. F. Love, E. Jewett and J. M. Carpenter, was appointed to revise the history of Wantage Church presented to the Sussex Association three years ago, and have it printed with the minutes.

Adopted.

64. On motion, Brethren E. S. Norris, of Jersey City, and J. F. Sanxay, of Bloomfield, were re-elected to a new term of service as Trustees of the Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund.

Adopted.

65. The Treasurer of the Disabled Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund reported one beneficiary.

66. The Treasurer reported the following sums received at this session for D. M. and M. Widows' Fund:

First Church, Jersey City,	$38 61
Willis Street, Paterson	20 00
Bloomfield Church,	12 48
Passaic Church,	10 00
Newark, Roseville,	7 00
Jersey City Heights Church,	5 00
West Hoboken Church	5 00
	$ 98 09
On hand	118 45
	$216 54

67. Clerk's report:

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To Cash from Churches and Schools	$159 00

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By Cash paid for Minutes	$150 00
" " Expressage	5 75
" " Postage	2 00
" " Stationery	1 25
	$159 00

68. Brother W. H. PARMLY offered the following, with reference to the new Baptist Church at Rutherfurd Park:

Resolved, That we raise here $100 to assist that Church in paying a pressing debt; which was adopted.

The amount was secured by individual subscriptions and a collection.

69. Committee on Place and Preacher for next Anniversary, reported:

That invitations were presented to meet with North Newark, Bloomfield, Hoboken, Paterson, and Passaic.

They recommend the Association to meet with the Baptist Church at Passaic. That the opening sermon be preached by Brother W. D. Hedden, of East Orange; alternate, Brother J. H. Andrews, of Englewood.

Adopted.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

70. Committee on Resolutions, through Brother J. BANVARD, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. WHEREAS, It is eminently desirable that the incidents in our denominational history, many of which are illustrative of the toils and trials of our fathers, and the sustaining victorious grace of God, should be preserved and handed down for instruction and encouragement of future generations; and

2. WHEREAS, The American Baptist Historical Society is engaged in the great work of collecting, arranging, and preserving our denominational literature and history; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we commend the American Baptist Historical Society to the sympathies, the prayers, and the co-operation of all our ministers and churches.

4. *Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to forward annually a copy of the Minutes of this body to said Society, with a copy of any preceding Minutes which contain a history of any church.

71. The following resolutions were offered by Brother W. HAGUE, of Orange:

1. WHEREAS, In anticipation of the first Centennial Anniversary of our Nation's Independence, the people of these United States, in all quarters of

the land, are already engaged in preparing for its celebration; and

2. WHEREAS, The Educational Commission expressed the desire that the Baptist Denomination of the country should recognize its own historical connection with the rise and growth of the nationality by such Memorial Services as would fitly express its gratitude for the past, and its aims for the future; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That this Association cordially accept the proposals to unite with our Brethren abroad over the continent in the effort to raise Five Millions of Dollars, for the endowment of their Educational Institutions, as being an appropriate memorial of the life-work of our Fathers, and the surest method possible for rendering that work effective in behalf of the generations to come.

4. *Resolved*, That, while as a part of the Baptist Denomination of New Jersey, we gratefully recognize the blessing of God upon the work of our hands, in founding our Educational Institutions in this Commonwealth, whence proceeded, more than a century ago, the first impulses in this direction that have wrought out, North and South, results that have transcended the hopes of the early workers, we commend to the churches of this Body, and to all in sympathy with them, the importance of this call to Union in making the coming Centennial of the nation the occasion of such an establishment of the Educational Institutions of New Jersey as shall render them a perpetual power in the land, and a source of encouragement for advancement still onward on the part of those who shall have in their keeping our denominational trusts at the close of the succeeding century.

5. *Resolved*, That while, to this end, we call upon the wealthy to "devise liberal things," we call upon the poor to devise liberal things also; that thus the rich and poor, the young and old, the strong and weak, may, according to their several ability, share in the work and the reward.

6. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the decision of the Convention recently held in Trenton, and representing the Baptists of the entire State, to raise at least $30,000 as their portion of the $500,000 Centennial Educational Fund, and that we will use our best effort to supply our proportion of that sum by organized action, adapted to call forth contributions from all, old and young alike, friendly to the enterprise.

72. The Committee on Obituaries reported:

The First Baptist Church of Paterson has mentioned in the annual letter, the departure of "a mother in Israel," whose life and character were quite noteworthy, apart from the extraordinary fact that her Christian pilgrimage on the earth was extended beyond the limit of "threescore and ten," that, according to the ancient Scripture, determines the life-time of the human race.

It is very rarely the case that any church, however large its membership, is permitted to place among its cherished treasures the legacy of such a discipleship.

Mrs. Jane Owens, the widow of Mr. Robert T. Owens, who was for many years a highly esteemed Deacon of the Church, was a native of Wales, and about the year 1803 was converted, and was baptized by the venerable John Williams, pastor of the Fayette Street (afterwards known as the Oliver Street) Church, being, at the time of reception by the Church, a resident of New York.

From her early days she was regarded as a person of distinguished character; a Christian woman of more than ordinary intelligence; thoroughly "rooted and grounded," as Paul expresses it, "in the truth as it is in Jesus."

Many who have known her personally from their youthful days will verify the testimony of the Church in their declaration, that she was a great reader of the Bible, firm in her convictions, fearless and frank in the expression of her convictions, an agreeable companion, devotedly attached to her denomination, ever ready and skillful to defend their views and practices.

Her thin pale face, her piercing dark eyes, and her snow-white hair, gave her a peculiarly pleasing appearance, which, once seen, would not soon be forgotten.

In her last illness, in which her deportment was both characteristic and Christian, just before her departure, she gave expression to her feelings, not in the English language which she had spoken for many years, but in the Welsh, the language of her early youth.

Thus, at the age of ninety-two, she entered the kingdom of Christ on high, "as a little child," in the simplicity of her first faith, in the joy of her first love.

"Her memory is blessed."

The Church at Millington reports the sudden departure of Deacon Abraham Dunn, who was, we are informed, "taken without warning." "But he was ready, his lamp was trimmed and burning; his last act was an act of worship, his last word, Amen."

We appreciate testimonies like this. They are never lost, God uses them. They shall not return void, but accomplish the things which His grace hath purposed.

The Millburn Church speaks of the removal, by death, of their beloved Sister Chambers, the estimable wife of their late pastor.

The Passaic Church mourn the loss of three of their members, by death—Sister Christy and Mrs. Mary Paulison; the latter, one of the constituent members of the Church, at the age of 81 passed joyfully from the labors of earth to the rewards of heaven.

Brother C. F. Hardwick, an earnest, devoted disciple of Christ, fell asleep in Jesus, May 17th.

"So He giveth His beloved sleep."

The Livingston Church makes mention of the departure from earth of one of their members, Sister Betsy Cook, who died in the triumphs of faith.

"Be ye also ready."

W. HAGUE, *Chairman.*

73. On motion of Brother A. S. Patton, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Church, congregation and friends of East Orange, for their generous hospitality and kindness.

Unanimously adopted.

74. On motion, the Clerks were instructed to prepare the Minutes and have them printed and distributed to the Churches.

Adopted.

75. Adjourned to meet next year, the second Wednesday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the Baptist Church at Passaic.

Benediction by David Silver, Moderator.

DAVID SILVER, *Moderator.*

GEO. F. LOVE,
JAMES L. DAVIS, } *Clerks.*

ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

MORRISTOWN—J. H. GUNNING, *Pastor.* Reluctantly parted with their late pastor, E. D. Bentley, but are happy in having found a successor. For their past history they bless the Lord, for their present situation they thank Him, and for their future they trust Him.

SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN—J. G. ENTREKIN, *Pastor.* Speaks of general prosperity, the lengthening of their cords, and strengthening their stakes by baptisms, the erection of a meeting-house at Drakesville, one of their out-stations, where a church is soon to be gathered, and another advance made on the enemy's works.

WANTAGE—E. JEWETT, *Pastor.* Their late pastor, Rev. G. F. Love, resigned last November, since which they have called to serve them in the gospel, Rev. E. Jewett, late of Sharon, N. Y.

NORTHFIELD—J. L. DAVIS, *Supply.* Complain of their weakness and fewness, and ask the prayers of the Churches. Death has removed from their midst a young Sister, who promised great usefulness in the Church.

HAMBURGH—D. SILVER, *Pastor.* The past year has not been marked by any special work of grace. Their Sunday Schools are flourishing and congregations good. With here and there an exception, they enjoy peace among themselves.

PATERSON, FIRST—J. BANVARD, *Pastor.* Report great prosperity, and the baptism of fifty-six persons into their fellowship. Will celebrate their Jubilee this year.

BLOOMINGDALE—J. M. CARPENTER, *Pastor.* Are hopeful of better days to come, notwithstanding the general dearth. Have two flourishing Sunday Schools, one of which is located at Echo Lake, distant about eight miles, where the pastor preaches every two weeks.

LAFAYETTE—*No Pastor.* No letter.

MOUNT SALEM—C. BRINKERHOFF, *Pastor.* Report general prosperity. Some mercy-drops have fallen. Have repaired and beautified their house of worship at a cost of about $600.

NEWTON—J. T. CRAIG. Speaks of the removal of valuable members, and the painful duty of discipline exercised on others. Their pastor, Rev. J. T. Craig, has accepted a call to Baltimore, and their prayer is, that the Lord would send a pastor after His own heart, to lead them into the green pastures and by the still waters.

NEW DURHAM—T. F. CLANCY. Complain of embarrassments and great difficulty in meeting their current expenses. Their beloved pastor, T. F. Clancy, closes his labors with them to enter a new field.

EAST ORANGE—W. D. HEDDEN, *Pastor.* Rejoice that they are enabled to walk strait along in the old paths of faith, doctrine and ordinance. Are at peace among themselves, and are resting in the Master's promise, while they rest not in their labors. They welcome the Association to their Church, families and homes.

HOBOKEN, FIRST—W. R. MAUL, *Pastor.* Are gladdened by *peace, growth*, additions, and general prosperity. They invite the Association to meet with them next year.

CALDWELL—W. E. HOWELL, *Supply.* Have given a call to Brother Howell to become their pastor. Death has removed from them their beloved Sister Cassie Pease, who was held in great esteem by all who knew her. Their congregation has doubled under the labors of Brother Howell, and Sunday School well attended.

JERSEY CITY, FIRST—W. H. PARMLY, *Pastor.* Rejoice in the faithful and successful labors of their beloved pastor, the conversion of souls, the baptism of happy converts, and the peace and prosperity of Zion. Their Home and Mission Sunday Schools are in a flourishing condition. Have bought a piece of land in the rear of their Church property, and are making preparation to enlarge their place of worship. The letter calls special attention to the importance of training properly young converts when they first enter into membership, as a remedy against wanderings and defections in later life.

MILLINGTON—P. GIBB, *Pastor.* Speaks of the faithful and abundant labors of their beloved pastor, some tokens of the Divine favor and blessing, and the sudden death of Deacon A. Runyon, whose last act was an act of worship, and his last word, Amen.

BLOOMFIELD—W. F. STUBBERT, *Pastor.* Would acknowledge the mercies of a covenant-keeping God, and bless Him for the times of refreshing which they have enjoyed from the presence of the Lord. They would call the attention of the Association to the growing villages of Montelair and Belleville, and of the importance of taking possession of these promising fields, in the name of our glorious Leader, the Captain of our salvation.

LIVINGSTON—J. L. DAVIS, *Pastor.* Regret that they have not made greater progress in the Master's kingdom, but feel thankful that God has not left them without tokens of His gracious presence.

HOBOKEN, WEST—*No Pastor.* Have been absorbed in the work of completing their house of worship, which was dedicated last January. Are praying for a pastor.

NEWARK, NORTH—J. DAY, *Pastor.* Say their present condition is encouraging and hopeful; are unitedly praying for the advancement of spiritual life, the salvation of souls, and the glory of God. They are engaged in enlarging and remodeling their house of worship. Invite the Association to meet with them next year.

JERSEY CITY HEIGHTS—*No Pastor.* Feel that financially and spiritually they are in a very low state; would still trust in God. Are asking the Lord to send them a pastor.

NORTH ORANGE—W. HAGUE, *Pastor.* Say they have had great

occasion for rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for the manifestation of his loving favor toward them as a Church, in spiritual and temporal affairs. The year past has been a marked year in their history, and one long to be held in grateful remembrance; a goodly number have been converted; the Holy Spirit is with them. Have dedicated their new house of worship, and repaired their chapel.

MILLBURN—A. B. WOODWORTH, *Pastor.* Last September, Brother Woodworth settled among us as our pastor. They speak of trials, struggles, and continued seed-sowing, with the hope that in due season they will reap a glorious harvest of precious souls.

BELVIDERE—A. B. MCGOWAN, *Pastor.* Are happy in the gracious deliverance God has wrought for them in enabling them, by the aid of the Saviour's friends, to pay off all their indebtedness on their house of worship. Brother Entrekin resigned his pastorate, and we have called as his successor Brother McGowan, who is preaching "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." We thank the Lord, and take courage.

GLENWOOD—T. M. GRENELLE, *Pastor.* No special communications. Are few in number, scattered, but at peace among themselves; are united in their pastor.

PASSAIC—R. B. KELSAY, *Pastor.* Report a year of faithful labor and gracious ingathering; with gratitude they record the goodness of God in making them helpers to the truth, and the instruments of saving souls. Death has removed three of their members, Sisters Christy and Paulison, with the devoted Brother C. F. Hardwick. "So he giveth his beloved sleep." Cordially invite the Association to meet with them next year.

TOWN OF UNION—R. FISHER, *Pastor.* Makes special mention of the resignation of their late pastor, Brother Hendrickson; the acceptable labors of Brother Bogart, a Licentiate of the Church, and also the services of Brother Northam, a Licentiate of the New Durham Church. Brother Bogart not only rendered efficient service in the pulpit, but ready aid by his means. Have called Brother Robert Fisher to be their pastor.

GERMAN PILGRIM—H. GUBELMAN, *Pastor.* Are thankful for a preached gospel, and are hoping their friends will find Jesus. Have ample room for improvement.

HACKENSACK—R. MCGONEGAL. Report a pleasant year, though no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Their temporal affairs are prosperous; are about to build a parsonage. Their late pastor, Brother Z. Grenelle, resigned last March, since which they have depended on supplies. They are happily united in all things that pertain to the Church.

BRANCHVILLE—*No Pastor.* No letter.

PATERSON, WILLIS STREET—S. J. KNAPP, *Pastor.* Financially the year has been one of trial and embarrassment; spiritually, God has blessed them abundantly, and to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost they would give all the praise. Many have been converted; 233 baptized.

NEWARK, ROSEVILLE—GEO. E. HORR, *Pastor.* Report another year of steady growth. Have had signal evidence of the power of the word of God and his Spirit in bringing many out of darkness into His marvelous light. Many of their week-day meetings have been thrilling in the testi-

mony of the converted, and in humble submission to the Lord Jesus Christ. Have adopted the envelope plan of collection.

ENGLEWOOD—J. H. ANDREWS, *Pastor.* Report a year of *struggle*, growth, increase of strength and numbers. Are grateful for money help in their efforts to live and grow.

JERSEY CITY, HAMILTON PARK—A. S. PATTON, *Pastor.* Rejoice in the measure of success the Great Head of the Church has given them; for revival influence, and a faithful ministry. Are hoping at an early day to build a house of worship.

NORTH ORANGE, SECOND—*No Pastor.* They praise the name of Jesus that He is still their anchor, and will be their guide even unto death. They say four persons are awaiting baptism. Brother Francis is preaching to them.

RUTHERFURD PARK—A. H. ROBINSON, *Pastor.* This new Church was recognized last November, and is already reaching out on the right and on the left, having built a chapel at Rutherfurd Park, at a cost of $3,000, and another at Moonachie, at a cost of $1,000. They ask our sympathy, prayers and fostering care.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION.

COMPILED FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

The names of the Pastors and Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics.*

Churches and Clerks.	Ministers, Licentiates and Delegates.	Constituted.	Baptised.	Letter.	Experi'ce	Restored.	Dismis'd.	Deceased.	Erased.	Excluded.	Total.	For Minutes.
Morristown	J. H. GUNNING	1752	12	3	1	....	7	3	....	....	204	5 00
	J. O. Hill,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
E. Howell,	G. Lampkins,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Morristown.	J. P. Sullivan,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	J. W. Dutton,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	S. Moore.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Schooley's Mountain	J. G. ENTREKIN	1753	17	2	....	....	2	2	....	1	138	3 00
		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
J. B. Stevens,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Olive.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Wantage	E. JEWETT	1756	....	3	....	....	4	2	2	....	137	4 00
	J. V. Little,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
L. Martin,	S. M. Little.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Deckertown.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Northfield	J. L. DAVIS	1786	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	32	1 00
		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
L. M. Burnett,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Northfield.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hamburg	D. SILVER	1798	....	4	....	....	1	4	....	....	146	3 00
	T. R. Beardsley.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
S. B. Edsall,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
McAffe Valley.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Paterson	J. BANVARD	1824	56	6	....	....	31	5	....	2	322	5 00
	S. A. McGregor,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
J. R. Beam,	Mrs. McGregor,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Paterson.	A. Stoutenborough,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	E. Rogers,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	T. Vanhorn,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	L. L. Conklin.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bloomingdale	J. M. CARPENTER	1826	....	3	....	....	1	1	....	....	62	2 00
	A. Henion,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
D. Gormly,	L. Tintle.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bloomingdale,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lafayette	No Pastor	1830	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	68	....
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R. Vaughn,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Lafayette.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Salem	C. BRINKERHOFF	1833	3	....	2	....	2	1	....	....	80	3 00
	S. Vail,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
I. D. Hoffman,	G. R. Carr.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Salem.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newton	J. T. CRAIG	1835	4	3	....	....	10	4	2	20	101	3 00
		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
E. M. Allen,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newton.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

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New Durham	T. F. Clancy	1837								1	47	3 00
	J. Northam,											
G. D. Lozier, New Durham.	W. T. Day,											
	A. Day.											
East Orange	W. D. Hedden	1837	3	3			3	1		7	125	3 00
	J. Babbage,											
W. H. V. Reimer, East Orange.	A. H. McPherson,											
	J. H. Hatt,											
	P. A. Harrison,											
	C. S. Hutchinson.											
Hoboken, First	W. R. Maul	1851	7	10	1		11				174	5 00
	T. S. Fields.											
James Morril. Hoboken.												
Caldwell	W. E. Howell	1848			1			1	3	1	40	3 50
	P. Sindle,											
W. H. Canfield, Caldwell.	J. J. Thatcher,											
	W. H. Canfield.											
Jersey City, First	W. H. Parmly	1848	38	24		2	40	8	3	5	512	8 00
	W. Verrinder,											
A. L. Sears, Jersey City.	A. A. Constantine											
	H. Jenkins,											
	E. H. Bronson,											
	E. S. Norris,											
	J. T. Richards,											
	J. Dore,											
	A. G. Mason,											
	W. S. Conant,											
	T. House,											
	A. L. Sears.											
Millington	P. Gibb	1851	3				1	3			122	4 00
I. S. Runyon, Millington.												
Bloomfield	W. F. Stubbert	1852	24	15			8	2	3	1	259	5 00
	Thomas Davis,											
D. G. Garabrant, Bloomfield.	J. F. Sanxay,											
	W. Davison,											
	E. Vandewerken,											
	C. S. Willetts,											
	Thomas Porter.											
Livingston	J. L. Davis	1852	1	1			3	1			54	2 00
	G. B. Force,											
A. Teed, Livingston.	S. Edwards,											
	J. B. Jewell,											
	J. H. Force,											
	W. D. Smith,											
	L. Smith.											
Hoboken, West	No Pastor	1854		4			9				119	5 00
	G. J. Sawyer,											
J. M. Wale, West Hoboken.	S. R. Syms.											
Newark, North	J. Day	1854	12	35			13	2	9	3	287	5 00
	W. Peloubet,											
A. J. Shipley, 31 James street, Newark.	H. Hagell,											
	U. D. Ward,											
	J. Hassell,											
	A. H. Terhune,											
	G. W. Vernet,											
	S. H. Harrington.											

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Jersey City Heights,	No Pastor.....	1857	5	4	....	1	15	2	3	15	157	3 00
	G. Nelson,	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
B. L. Halleck,	C Thatcher,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....
Jersey City Heights	W. R. Schenck.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orange, North.....	W. Hague..	1857	10	11	....	....	11	....	....	....	276	5 00
	H. B. Wiggin,	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	....
G. H. Bromley,	E. C. Burt,	....	....	....	. ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orange.	E. Austin,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	W. A. Gellatly,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	G. Gault,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	H. P. Porter,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	S. Gibbons,	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....
	C. Marvin.	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Millburn.....	A. B. Woodworth..	1858	4	3	...	....	7	1	....	1	77	2 00
	A. R. Randolph,	....	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....
J. J. Hoff,	J. James,	....	....	...	....	....	. ..	....	...	....	....	....
Millburn.	N. C. Mervin,	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
	J. J. Hoff.	....	....	....	....	....	....	. ..	....	....	....	....
Belvidere.....	A. B McGowan....	1859	1	2	....	....	2	4	....	....	47	2 00
	Chs. Sapp,	....	...	....	....	....	.. .	....	....	....	....	....
S. L. Weidman,	J. Hyman,	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
Belvidere.	J. H. Norton.	....	...	. ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...
Glenwood	T. M. Grenelle...	1862	....	....	....	....	4	....	...	....	64	3 00
	C. Grenelle.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....
S. Baxter,		....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Glenwood.		....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
Passaic.....	R. B. Kelsay.....	1864	44	17	1	....	9	3	....	....	187	3 00
	J. Grieg,	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	. ..	....
S. Y. Myers,	G. W. Demarest,	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Passaic.	Mrs. Demarest,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	R. Foulds,	....	...	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
	J. Burr,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....
	S. Y. Myers.	....	....	.. .	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Town.....	R. Fisher..... .	1866	...	3	....	....	....	....	1	1	31	2 00
	A. Bogert, Jr.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	T. Gardener,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....
	P. B. Lawton.	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	....	....	....	....
German Pilgrim....	H. Gubelman	1866	....	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	23	1 00
(J. C. Heights.)		....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
		....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
C. G. Rochat,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey City Heights		....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Paterson, Willis St.	S. J. Knapp.....	1869	233	19	8	....	14	6	....	3	580	$10
	G. Lyle,	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	....	....	....
S. English,	P. J. Demarest,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Paterson.	A. Croysdale,	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	..	....	....	. ..
	C. F. Jansen,	...	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....
	H. W. Lammers,	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	...	....	....
	L. M. Ward,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	R. Bustard,	....	...	....	....	....	. ..	....	....	....	....	....
	M. B. May.	....	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
Branchville.....	No Pastor.....	1870	....	....	...	....	....	....	...	...	17	....
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A. O. Decker,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Branchville.		....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Hackensack.....	R. McGonegal....	1870	3	2	....	....	3	1	...	....	72	3 00
	G. A. Atwood.	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
W. H. DeWolf,		...	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	....	....	....
Hackensack.		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	....

Churches and Clerks.	Ministers, Licentiates and Delegates.	Constituted.	Baptised.	Letter.	Experi'ce	Restored.	Dismis'd.	Deceased.	Erased.	Excluded.	Total.	For Minutes.
Newark, Roseville	Geo. E. Horr	1871	14	16	1	...	5	....	....	1	127	3 00
	J. H. Blackford,	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Isaac Crawford,	C. Haynes,	....	....	...	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Newark.	A. S. Young,	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	J. A. Boppe,	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	I. Crawford,	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	C. E Cowell,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	T. F. Smalley,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	H. C. Albert.	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Englewood	J. H. Andrews	1873	2	8	....	....	1	....	....	....	19	1 00
	W. M. Whitman.	...	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
D. W. Bowls,		....	...	....	...	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Englewood,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey City, Hamilton Park.	A. S. Patton	1873	4	16	....	...	2	....	....	....	41	2 00
	W. Hanks,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....
	F. T. Demerest.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
J. M. Davis,		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....
Jersey City.		....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	...
Orange, North, (Second.)	No Pastor	1873	....	....	6	....	..	....	....	....	21	....
	A. V. Middlesworth	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	..	....
	D. Ballard,	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	D. R. Johnson.	.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....
Rutherfurd Park	A. H. Robinson	1873	6	6	4	..	1	1	....	....	44	3 00
	R. Shugg,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
J. N. Bookstaver,	E. C. Hussey,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rutherfurd Park.	B. Yates,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	J. N. Bookstaver.	...	....	....	....	....	...	....	..	....	....	....
	G. D. Waterbury,	....	....	..	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....
	C. Lawson,	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....
	J. W. Courtney.	....	....	....	...	.	...	....	....	....	....	....

RECAPITULATION.

Churches....36. Pastors....27. Ordained Ministers not Pastors....6. Licentiates....3.

INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
By Baptism	506	By Dismission	222
Letter	225	Deceased	60
Experience	26	Erasure	26
Restoration	3	Exclusion	62
Total Increase	760	Total Decrease	370

Net Gain 390

Total Membership Reported 4,818

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Am. Bapt. Missionary Union.	Am. Bap. Home Mis. Soc'y.	Bible and Pub. Society.	A. & For. Bible Society.	Bible Union.	College Endowment.	N. J. Bap. State Conven.	Ministerial Education.	Feeble Churches.	Sundries.	M. & W. Fund.	Home Expenses.	Total.
Bloomfield	$180 91	$110 63	$47 20	.....	$125 00	.....	$40 00	$25 40	$56 04	$191 64	$12 48	$2,193 98	$2,983 28
Bloomingdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	175 00	205 00
Belvidere	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,000 00	6,02 00
Branchville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caldwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	.....	.....	493 63	538 63
Englewood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Pilgrim	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	460 00	460 00
Glenwood	13 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 85	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	90 85
Hackensack	72 30	32 00	35 00	.....	19 50	.....	20 00	51 00	.....	.....	.....	2,265 25	2,495 05
Hamburgh	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 28	.....	.....	.....	1,200 00	1,223 28
Hoboken—First	122 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	25 00	52 00	.....	.....	219 80
Hoboken—West	22 80	.....	.....	6 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1,500 00	1,534 26
Jersey City—First	231 66	144 00	20 55	55 19	.....	45 00	83 65	165 00	32 78	354 24	38 61	9,000 00	10,170 68
Jersey City—Heights	16 50	.....	.....	.....	36 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	104 00	5 00	2,500 00	2,671 50
Jersey City—Hamilton Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Livingston	3 00	3 50	2 15	6 05	.....	.....	3 00	8 32	25 00	.....	.....	900 00	951 02
Millington	79 38	89 71	29 59	.....	31 75	.....	30 00	60 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	320 86
Millburn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	15 00	.....	1,300 00	1,340 00
Morristown	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	2,275 18	2,390 18
Mount Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00	600 00
Newark—North	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,207 37	3,207 37
Newark—Roseville	123 00	77 00	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	50 00	7 00	3,045 00	3,407 00
Newton	16 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	9 76	16 00	.....	.....	.....	1,356 08	1,417 84
New Durham	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,350 00	1,376 00
Northfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 38	.....	211 00	227 38
Orange—First	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 00	65 00	79 00	.....	.....	194 00
Orange—North	2,064 02	410 50	.....	124 00	.....	.....	112 70	4,946 73	.....	.....	.....	48,855 70	56,513 65
Orange—Second	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00	700 00
Paterson—First	225 00	325 00	.....	45 00	.....	.....	20 00	100 00	360 00	459 00	.....	3,800 00	5,334 54
Paterson—Willis Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	50 00
Passaic	363 00	117 50	110 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	10 00	6,093 03	6,793 53
Rutherfurd Park	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000 00	4,000 00
Schooley's Mountain	.....	31 35	.....	53 29	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	22 25	200 00	.....	1,000 00	1,326 89
Town of Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 00	400 00
Wantage	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1,070 00	1,080 00
Totals	$3,559 37	$1,461 19	$244 49	$289 99	$292 25	$55 00	$435 96	$5,572 16	$761 07	$1,521 80	$98 09	105,956 22	120,247 59

AN OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY

OF THE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WANTAGE, N. J.

REVISED BY REV. GEO. F. LOVE.

The First Baptist Church of Wantage has a peculiar history. From all the information that can be gathered, it originated under the following circumstances:

A number of persons withdrew from the established church of Mansfield, Conn., about the year 1749 or 1750, and organized an independent or separate church, with the following named persons:

William Marsh and wife, Joshua Egard and wife, Joseph Pomeroy and wife, William Southworth and wife, John Slate and wife, David Chapman and wife, Elizabeth Lathrop, Mary Nicholas, Elkanah and Rudolphus Fuller.

As soon as they were recognized as a church, they chose William Marsh for their pastor, who was ordained at the same time by a council, the names of whom are not found.

The following year, 1751, they agreed to emigrate to New Jersey in a body and settle at Newtown, (now Newton), in the northern part of Sussex county.

They had not been long in their new settlement before some manifested scruples about infant baptism, as it is called, and openly declared for believers' baptism.

The question now arose whether baptism administered by an unbaptized person was valid. However, they decided the question in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Elkanah Fuller immersed William Marsh, then Marsh immersed Fuller. This was in the winter of 1752 or 3, for it was remembered that the ice was cut in the form of a grave.

The following year William Marsh immersed Joshua Cole, Captain Roe, Daniel Roberts, Hezekiah Smith and wife, and Rudolphus Fuller.

These persons were formed into a gospel church November 14, 1756, known as the Newtown Baptist Church, which name it bore for thirty-four years, or until 1790, when it was changed to the First Baptist Church of Wantage, with a covenant which is said to be still extant, though the records of prior transactions are lost.

In October, 1757, this church joined the Philadelphia Association.

From the records we find this to be an original church, and in thirty-four years had increased from eight to seventy-six members.

In 1761, Mr. Marsh introduced the Moravian system. Thirty-six persons adopted the new plan, but being chiefly poor members, the project failed in less than two years.

With this failure, and Mr. Marsh changing his manner of preaching, and turning his attention to secular pursuits, left them in 1763. The church became very small and feeble.

Mr. Marsh went to Wyoming, where he was murdered by Indians.

He was born at Wrentham, Conn., ordained at Mansfield, Conn., by ministers of the Separate Order, which ordination served him when he became a Baptist.

In 1771, Nicholas Cox was called to the pastorate and ordination, who served them about ten years.

In reference to the ordination of Elder Cox, it may be interesting to note the following piece of history. "The church at Newtown desire the Association to appoint the time and ministers to ordain Nicholas Cox. The Association reply, that the appointment of both properly belong to the churches." This item would lead us to conclude that at that date this church had not wholly overcome the traditional notion, that conformity to the ecclesiastical usage of the denomination from which they had recently withdrawn, was an indispensable necessity to give validity to any act of such sacred importance. It also shows the vigilance of our fathers in guarding against the faintest semblance of interference with church independence in matters of this kind. During Mr. Cox's ministry, many were hopefully converted, and eighty-four were baptized.

The congregation becoming large, being the only one in Newton, Wantage and Hardiston, they decided to build a meeting-house, which they did, on a hill between Judge Shee's and David Benjamin's, for the accommodation of that part of the church living in that vicinity, and another on the hill south of Augusta, near the grave-yard, on the road leading from Augusta to Newton.

It appears from Morgan Edwards' history, that the ground on which this second house stood was given by John Stevens and £5 cash. His conveyance is dated October 7, 1771. Congregation, sixty-six families, of whom seventy-six persons are church members.

Mr. Cox preached alternately in the two houses of worship, and lived between Hamburgh and Deckertown. It appears that the pastor's labors were much more successful in the Hamburgh than the Newton district. In those days it was common to have baptisms every month in the Wallkill, and on the Lord's day the people would collect in groups and take the footpaths over the hills and through valleys, each appearing before God in Zion.

In 1777 and 8, large numbers of the church settled in Wantage, when it was agreed to remove the meeting-house from Hardiston to Wantage, near the site of the present building, which was erected in 1830.

Mr. Cox resigned the pastorate in 1782, and became pastor of the church in Great Valley, Pa., and from thence to Kingwood, where he continued in the pastoral office until 1790, when, by embracing the heretical tenets of Elhanan Winchester, he forfeited the fellowship of the Baptist church. His apostacy is alluded to by the Association, at its annual meeting in 1790, in the following language: "This Association lament that they have occasion again to call the attention of that part of Zion we represent to another awful instance of the departure from the faith once delivered to the saints. Mr. Nicholas Cox, late a brother in the ministry, having espoused and artfully, as well as strenuously endeavored, to propagate the fatal notion of the universal restoration of bad men and devils from hell; as such, we caution *our* churches, those of our sister Associations, and Christian brethren of every denomination, to beware of him."

Mr. Cox was born in Newcastle County, Delaware, March 24, 1742; called to the ministry and licensed in Philadelphia in 1771; ordained at Wantage April 15, 1772, by a council consisting of Elders Miller, Benedict and Sutton.

Mr. Cox was succeeded by Rev. James Finn, who was ordained April, 23 1783, by a council composed of Elders Runyon and Cox.

Mr. Finn resigned in 1786, and became pastor of the Baptist Church at Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., where he devoted some seven years to the work of the ministry. After this he went to a place called Thornbottom, on the Tunkhannock Creek, where a few years after he died. His descendants in that part of Pennsylvania became quite numerous, many of whom were found walking in the footsteps of their venerable ancestor.

Silas Southworth, a member of the church, became their pastor, and was ordained by Elders West and Jayne, May 31, 1786.

In 1794 the pastor, with brethren Humphrey Martin, John Thompson and Sylvanus Southworth, were appointed delegates to the Association.

The following year the church gave her consent and approval to brother Thomas Casad to exercise his gift in preaching, which, in January, 1796, was changed to a formal license.

At a special church meeting, held April 22, 1797, the pastor was engaged to preach every Lord's day for £60 per annum, to be raised by subscription, or £50, guaranteed, which was agreed to.

At the same meeting, a number of members living in the neighborhood of Westtown, (now called Unionville), desired to be set off as a separate church.

This request led to the calling of an advisory council, whose decision should determine their course of action.

The churches invited to send their pastors and delegates were Warwick, Brookfield, Deerpark and Hamburgh. The council met May 9,1797. After prayer, Elder B. Montanya was chosen Moderator, and Elder Thomas Montanya, Clerk.

The following brethren composed the conucil: Thomas Harden, John Sutton, Matthew Bennett and Elder Thomas Teasdale.

Elder Southworth and Deacon Evi Adams stated to the council the object of the meeting, and after hearing the reasons for and against the proposed organization, the council unanimously agreed that it would be for the glory of God and the interest of Zion to grant the request, and that the mother church encourage the enterprise. "Signed, Thomas Montanya, Clerk."

Accordingly, May 20, 1797, the church gave a general Letter of Dismission to twenty-three persons to form the Westtown, afterward changed to the Second Baptist Church of Wantage.*

The following are the uames of the constituent members:

Inman Walling, Thomas Casad, James Rosecranse, John Masterson, John Myers, M. Doty, Ebenezer Mead, Nathan Holley, Seth Wickham, Cornelius Handley, B. Holley, Joseph Stewart, Amy Walling, Ann Myers, Abigail Casad, Sarah Casterline, Martha Owens, Sarah Braffit, Phebe Wickham, Mary Roseeranse, Elizabeth Casterline, Sarah Perry and Mary Stewart.

Following this swarming out, many joined by baptism.

November 4, 1798, Nathaniel Martin, William Jennings and John Wilson were chosen trustees to receive a deed in trust for the use of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, for the land on which their meeting-house stood, said deed to be given by Joseph Sharp, Richard Edsall, Elias Ogden and Martin Ryerson.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the congregation had made the grand discovery that cold feet and a shivering body were not conducive to a devotional frame of mind, or helpful to any soul into the Kingdom of Heaven. So ou January 4, 1800, they decided to buy a stove to warm the place of worship; and at a special meeting, held at the house of Brother Humphrey Martin, it was decided to use Dr. Watts' Hymns in public worship.

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* This new church joined the Warwick Association in 1798, with Elder Thomas Casad as pastor.

This year several members of Wantage and Warwick Churches, living at Newfoundland, sent a request that the Lord's Supper be administered to them twice a year, once by the Warwick pastor, and once by the pastor of this church, which, as far as this church was concerned, was granted. This was followed by the pastor preaching at Newfouudland once a month.

For some years the church meetiugs were very irregular; but on May 14, 1803, it was resolved that the church meet on the Saturday before the First Lord's Day in each month, and that the Communion be observed every two months. This year was marked by larger attendance at church and other meetings, and many baptisms.

1804 begins with the following minute: "That the church raise $100 for the support of our pastor, and that the money be levied on the male members, according to their ability; that it be paid quarterly in cash, or grain, at the market price. N. Martin, Treasurer."

This same year a number of members living at Newfoundland, requested the church to send their pastor and delegates to assist in constituting them a Gospel Church, and to ordain Brother Ebenezer Jayne* as their pastor.

At a regular church meeting, held May 4, 1805, Letters of Dismission were given to Uriah Adams, Sarah Adams, Jerusha DeWitt, Mary DeWitt, Thomas Lewis, Lemuel Tingley, and Enos Tingley, to join the Westtown, now changed to the Second Baptist Church of Wantage.

This Second Wantage Church, by this addition, numbered eighty-six members, whose pastor, Elder Casad, died in 1808, and was succeeded in 1811 by Elder John Wintermote, who was called into the ministry by the church. His pastorate continued six years, during which one hundred and forty-seven were immersed.

Elder Zelotes Grenelle succeeded him in 1818, and was ordained in August, 1819. He continued to serve the Second Wantage Church until 1822, when one hundred and twenty-three members, including the pastor, were dismissed to constitute the Orange Church. It was with this new organization that the Rev. John M. Carpenter, of Bloomingdale, united by baptism, January 9, 1825.

In November, 1833, Brother Carpenter, with eighty-five others, withdrew from the Orange Church and formed the Mount Salem Baptist Church.

This Second Church, of Wantage is now extinct.

April 4, 1807, the church resolved to spend the day in prayer and conference for mutual edification and comfort. At this time, it was customary to record the names of all who attended church meetings, and wait on all absentees by letter or messenger, to know their reasons for non-attendance.

In 1808, the church agreed to give their pastor $200 per annum.

In 1809, Elder Southworth resigned his charge and left the field, but was recalled the following year at a salary of $125 per annum, the money to be raised by pew rents.

On February 20, 1814, Elder Southworth departed this life, having served the church twenty-seven years. During his ministry, large numbers were converted and baptized, and the church enjoyed great prosperity. Meetings were largely attended, and there was a marked fidelity to church obligations and discipline. Silas Southworth was born at Mansfield, Conn., January 20, 1751, carried in his mother's arms to New Jersey, and from there by angels to Abraham's bosom. His dust reposes in the graveyard near the church, there to rest until the Resurrection morning. His name is chiseled on marble, and engraved on many a heart—his record is on high.

Following Elder Southworth, the church was supplied with preaching in part by Elders House and Teasdale.

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* The father of the celebrated Dr. David Jayne, of Philadelphia.

In July, 1815, messengers were appointed to meet at Brookfield, to adopt some plan for sustaining Foreign Missions.

November 4, 1815, the church gave Elder Levi Hall a unanimous call to become their pastor, which was accepted, and the following May he was formally installed, and received the right hand of fellowship from Deacon Evi Adams.

In July, 1816, a proposition was made to build a house of worship in the village of Deckertown, which was voted down.

The writer has been informed that Matthew Cooper, Esq., a leading Presbyterian, offered the church an eligible site on Bank street for a meeting-house, which was refused.

In 1818, the church resolved to have a preparatory sermon before Communion. January, 1819, the pastor requested several brethren to meet the church at Newfoundland, for the purpose of encouraging them and strengthening the things that remained, which had a blessed influence, and led to their wish to have Elder Hall preach there once a month.

In June, 1819, Brother Jonathan Sharp was chosen Deacon, and the pastor was to have liberty to preach in the Beemer meeting-house once a month.

For some time the subject of ordaining Deacons was discussed, but finally dropped.

In March, 1820, Brother Humphrey Martin was chosen clerk, and the church at Franklin asked the services of the pastor to administer the ordinance of baptism, and that the church would give Brother Nathan Holley, one of their members, a license to preach to them.

Elder Hall died August 31, 1821, and rests near his predecessor. His ministry was brief, but very successful. During his pastorate the church enjoyed marked tokens of the Divine favor, and many were added to them, such as we hope are saved. "The memory of the just is blessed."

In March, 1822, Elder John Hagan became the pastor, and the following November a number of brethren from Second Wantage and Brookfield invited this church to aid in constituting them, what is now, the Orange Church.

This church called a council December 3, 1822, to ordain one of her members, Brother Nathan Holley, who was set apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry, by the following order of exercises:

Sermon by Elder Z. Grenelle.

Charge by Elder T. Teasdale.

Hand of Fellowship by Elder Hagan.

Ordaining Prayer by Elder Gillette.

In 1825, Elder John Hagan resigned, and was succeeded by Elder Leonard Fletcher, March, 1826, who was installed May 11. Sermon by Elder H. Ball, and the Hand of Fellowship by Elder T. Teasdale.

The church met in August, 1826, and formed a Religious Tract Society, with Leonard Fletcher, President; Dr. Allen, Vice-President; Simeon McCoy, Secretary; Humphrey Martin, Treasurer. John Wilson, Gabriel Bross, R. F. Randolph, John Cox, W. Jennings, Thomas Teasdale and Charles Baxter, Managers.

The church gave a formal license to Brother A. J. Baird to preach the Gospel.

In 1828, Brother John Teasdale was licensed, and the following year Thomas C. Teasdale was also licensed to exercise his gift in holding forth the word of life.

John Teasdale became pastor of the Hamburgh Church, and was killed by a railroad disaster in the Southwest.

Thomas C. Teasdale became pastor of the Newton Church, and has since been engaged in the Master's work in the South.

The winter of 1829 and 30 was remarkable for a glorious revival. One hundred precious souls were hopefully converted and baptized into the church, many of whom continue until this day to adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour, but some have fallen asleep.

In December, 1829, the church decided to build a meeting-house, which was done under the direction of the following committee:

John Post, Humphrey Martin, Wells Benjamin, N. J. Cox, David Benjamin, William Wilson, Simeon McCoy, Lewis Adams and Reuben F. Randolph.

A minute of January 1, 1830, says that Elder Fletcher immersed twenty-eight persons in twenty minutes. At this rate the Twelve Apostles could have immersed three thousand in about three hours.

December 8, 1830, the church sent the pastor, with brethren Allen, Bross, Clay, Havens, McCoy, Martin and Randolph to sit in council at Hamburgh, with a view to ordain to the work of the Gospel Ministry, Brothers John and Thomas C. Teasdale.

In December, 1831, Elder Fletcher resigned, and was succeeded the following year by Elder Timothy Jackson, who came from Philadelphia, the church paying his moving expenses. During 1832, fifty-seven persons were baptized.

In March, 1833, the church decided to withdraw from the Warwick Association to join with others in forming the Sussex Association.

The pastor, with brethren McCoy, Martin, John and James Wilson, were appointed delegates to meet at Hamburgh and draft a constitution, to present to the church at the next meeting, which was accepted May 4.

A letter was sent for the last time to the Warwick Association, which met at Orange in June, 1833.

In July, 1833, Brethren G. Bross, S. McCoy, J. Bross, H. Martin and Jas. Wilson were appointed to conduct district prayer and conference meetings.

Following the above appointment, a committee of twelve brethren were designated to look after delinquent members, and exhort them to watchfulness and duty.

February, 1834, the subject of procuring a parsonage was discussed, and Brethren Post and Shelley were instructed to view certain premises and report in two weeks, which was as follows:

A lot can be bought of Benjamin J. Adams for $550; terms, to be paid in three annual instalments.

The church appointed Brethren S. McCoy, J. Bross, H Allen, R F. Ran dolph and Asa Wilson to raise by subscription the money, and pay the same to the Trustees, which it appears was never done.

About this time a special meeting was held to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the conversion of sinners, which was followed by the baptism of several persons.

In October, 1835, Elder Jackson resigned his charge, and was succeeded by Elder Isaac Moore the following year.

In 1839, the church made another effort to secure a parsonage, and $632 were subscribed for that object, when it was dropped.

In 1840, Elder Moore resigned. During his pastorate, which was a very successful one, nearly one hundred persons were baptized into the church.

October, 1840, Elder W. M. Fay was called to serve the church as pastor, at a salary of $500 per annum.

In 1841, Brother John M. Ball was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Elder Fay resigned in 1842. His pastorate was not very happy, owing to unfavorable reports against his moral character, which sadly interfered with the peace of the church and the prosperity of Zion.

The next pastor was Rev. Sanford Leach, who entered upon his labors in 1842, and served the Church two years, when he resigned and removed to Massachusetts; afterwards labored in Hamburgh, Hawley and the far West, where he died and rested from his toils.

His widow and children are with us, and two of his sons, Heman A. and Lemuel (with their mother) are members of the church. "Instead of the fathers shall come up the children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth."

Following Brother Leach's pastorate, there was considerable difficulty in choosing a successor. Among the ministers sought after, were J. Belcher, W. D. Hires, A. Wheelock, S. S. Parker and Leonard Fletcher, a former pastor. All these failed.

In November, 1845, the Church gave a unanimous call to Rev. D. F. Twiss, who accepted, and January 7th, 1847, a council was called to ordain him, with the following order of exercises: Sermon by Rev. John Dowling, Ordaining Prayer, Rev. J. B. Case, Charge to the Pastor by Rev. H. Ball, Charge to the Church by Rev. John Davis, Closing Prayer by Rev. Mr. Rich, with laying on of hands by Brethren Ball, Case, Cox and Dowling. Mr. Twiss resigned in 1849, and was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Davis. Brother Davis' pastorate commenced with a blessed revival, in which many souls were converted, and a goodly number were baptized.

In 1850 the Church licensed Brother J. L. Barlow to preach the gospel, who has since been a very successful pastor in the State of New York.

In 1854 Brother Davis resigned, but the following year was recalled, when he returned and served the Church four years longer. During Brother Davis' two terms of service, 64 persons were baptized.

In August, 1859, Rev. Joseph Belden became the pastor, and served them eighteen months, when he was followed by Geo. F. Love, of Long Island, in March, 1861, who served them four years, during which time thirty-six persons were baptized, and general prosperity enjoyed.

In 1865, Geo. F. Love resigned, and went to Warwick, Orange County, New York, where he was instrumental in gathering the New Calvary Baptist Church, and building a house of worship.

In 1865, Rev. D. T. Hill became pastor, and labored four years, during which time twenty-three persons were baptized.

In 1869, Brother Hill resigned, and went to Paulings, N. Y.

After Brother Hill left, the Church was supplied for some months by Rev. Isaac Moore, a former pastor, whose labors were not in vain, as four persons were baptized.

In July, 1870, a Committee was appointed to buy a lot and build a parsonage, and through the indefatigable labors of Sisters James F. Martin and Jacob V. Little about $2,000 were subscribed for that purpose; when, owing to a difference of opinion in reference to its location, the enterprise was abandoned.

In 1870, the Church gave Rev. C. G. Gurr a call to become their pastor, which, for want of a suitable house in which to live, he declined. Then a call was extended to Rev. Geo. F. Love, of Newburgh, a former pastor, which was accepted, and he entered upon his labors December 1st, 1870, and served the Church three years, when he retired from the pastorate. During this second term of service some refreshings were enjoyed, and ten persons baptized.

The subject of building a house of worship in the village had been discussed more or less for many years, and the best friends of the Church urged and desired to see the work accomplished.

Rev. D. T. Hill offered the Church an eligible site on which to build, and

Asa Munson, Esq., also offered a large lot for the same purpose, both of which were declined.

In March, 1874, Rev. E. Jewett, of Sharon, N. Y., accepted the pastorate, and entered upon his labors in April.

The Wantage Church joined the Philadelphia Association in 1757, and in 1791 withdrew with the Warwick Church and united with the Yorktown, Northcastle, New Cornwall, Newburgh, Stanford, Ridgefield, Clintontown, Cross River, Frederickstown, Bedford, First Fishkill, Second New York, Brookfield, Peekskill, and Chemung Churches in the formation of the Warwick Association, which relation was sustained until June, 1833, when it withdrew with two others, Hamburgh and First Newton (now Lafayette), and formed the Sussex Association, which, in June, 1872, was changed to the North New Jersey Association.

SUMMARY.

Number of Pastors, - - - - -	17
" Terms of Service, - - - -	20

1756. William Marsh.
1771. Nicholas Cox.
1783. James Finn.
1787. Silas Southworth, absent one year.
1816. Levi Hall.
1822. John Hagan.
1826. Leonard Fletcher.
1832. Timothy Jackson.
1836. Isaac Moore.
1840. W. M. Fay.
1842. Sanford Leach.
1845. D. F. Twiss.
1850. Thomas Davis, absent one year.
1859. Joseph Belden.
1861. Geo. F. Love.
1865. D. T. Hill.
1870. Geo. F. Love.
1874. E. Jewett.

The longest Pastorate was that of S. Southworth's, twenty-seven years; the shortest, ending with Geo. F. Love's, was Joseph Belden's, eighteen months; average of the sixteen pastorates, seven years and nearly four months.

Two Pastors died in office, viz: S. Southworth and Levi Hall.

The Church has licensed eight of her members to preach, viz: Silas Southworth, Thomas Casad, Nathan Holley, A. J. Baird, J. M. Ball, J. L. Barlow, John and Thomas C. Teasdale.

The Church called to ordination the following persons: Nicholas Cox, Silas Southworth, James Finn, Nathan Holley, D. F. Twiss.

The following Brethren have served this Church as Deacons: Daniel Predmore, Evi Adams, Humphrey Martin, Sr., Nathaniel Martin, John Clay, Peter Hayne, Humphrey Martin, Jr., Gabriel Bross, Simeon McCoy, Reuben F. Randolph, Emmanuel Newmans, James Bross, J. W. House, J. J. Martin, B. H. Hand, Stephen J. Cole, Thomas L. Wilson, James Cox, V. R. Adams, J. V. Little, David Shorter, Evi A. Wilson.

The last five named Brethren are the present Deacons.

The following Brethren have served as Clerks: Evi Adams, Humphrey Martin, Crowel Adams, J. M. Ball, Simeon McCoy, B. J. Adams, D. D. Gould, J. W. McCoy, Geo. Shepard, James C. Adams, and Lebbeus Martin, the present incumbent.

The Church now numbers 137 members; has three Sunday Schools, conducted by Brethren James Cox, S. M. Parcel, and J. W. Elston.

The meeting house being over a mile from the village, a Sunday evening service is held in Deckertown to accommodate that part of the congregation.

STATISTICS FROM 1761 TO JUNE, 1874.

Received by Baptism, -	815	Dismissed by Letter, - -	381
" Letter, - -	146	Died, - - - - -	149
Restored, - - - -	30	Excluded, - - - -	162
		Dropped, - - - -	162
	991		854
		Present number, - - -	137
			991

[The compiler would acknowledge his obligations to his venerable Brother J. M. Carpenter, for important and invaluable aid in writing this sketch.]

Historical Table of the Sussex Baptist Association.

YEAR.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER.	WRITER.	SUBJECT.	CHES	BAPT'M.	MEM.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
1833	Lafayette	T. Teasdale	T. Jackson				4	164	548	
1834	First Wantage	T. Teasdale	T Jackson	M. J. Rees			4	56	583	
1835	Schooley's Mountain	T. C. Teasdale	T. Jackson	D. T. Hill			5	26	585	33 05
1836	Hamburgh	T. C. Teasdale	C. C. Park	T. C. Teasdale			5	15	588	15 00
1837	Lafayette	I. Moore	E. Frost	I. Moore	Report		8	113	805	60 00
1838	Mount Salem	I. Moore	T. C. Teasdale	Wm. H. Spencer	Report		10	186	1314	24 11
1839	First Wantage	I. Moore	T. C. Teasdale	Wm. H. Tutor	Report		12	130	1369	227 65
1840	Hamburgh	W. H. Spencer	C. Brinkerhoff	C. Brinkerhoff			12	71	1316	76 66
1841	Orange	W. H. Spencer	C. Brinkerhoff	Wm. H. Spencer	Report		12	122	1312	375 46
1842	Schooley's Mountain	W. H. Spencer	C. Brinkerhoff	S. L. Barret	Report		13	121	1393	135 20
1843	Hamburgh	W. H. Spencer	C. Brinkerhoff	J. Teasdale	Report		14	201	1500	129 37
1844	First Wantage	W. H. Spencer	J. Teasdale	C. Brinkerhoff	Report		14	101	1553	2702 23
1845	Mansfield	W. H. Spencer	J. Teasdale	Wm. H. Spencer	Report		14	36	1559	1968 13
1846	Port Jervis	J. Teasdale	J. B. Case	J. Teasdale	Sermon by J. Teasdale		13	9	1402	192 21
1847	Mount Salem	D. F. Leach	J. B. Case	D. F. Twiss	Report		13	11	1460	208 92
1848	Newton	J. B. Case	D. F. Twiss	D. F. Leach	Report		13	34	1351	211 05
1849	Orange	J. Teasdale	D. F. Twiss	J. B. Case	Report		13	29	1370	373 72
1850	Second Wantage	S. Case	J M. Hope	D. Bennet	J. Teasdale	Church Liberality	13	131	1344	247 00
1851	Hamburgh	D. Bennet	J. Winters, jr.	S. Case	J. M. Hope	Associational Decline	12	18	1326	116 43
1852	First Wantage	H. Martin	J. Winters, jr.	J. I. Grimley	No Letter		12	13	1282	166 75
1853	Schooley's Mountain	H. Martin	S. Case	T. Davis	J. I. Grimley	Church Effort	10	13	964	
1854	Greenville	H. Martin	S. Case	J. S. Christine	T. F. Clancey	Church Love	10	1	838	
1855	Orange	H. Martin	J. Winters, jr.	T. F. Clancy	T Davis	Practical Piety				48 35
1856	Mount Salem	H. Martin	T. F. Clancy	T. Davis	Abst'ct by Z. Grenelle	Benevolence	9	8	746	
1857	First Wantage	J. I. Grimley	T. F. Clancy	J. M. Hope	S. Case	Prayer Meeting	8	6	745	241 54
1858	Second Wantage	D. Bennet	T. F. Clancy	H. B. Shermer	T. F. Clancy	Eminent Piety Essential to Usefulness	9	107	827	277 00
1859	Hamburgh	T. Davis	T. F. Clancy	R. Fisher	H. B. Shermer	Earnestly Contending for the Faith	9	21	835	241 97
1860	Lafayette	J. M. Hope	S. Case	T. F. Clancy	J. M. Hope	Ministerial Support	10	51	892	268 95
1861	Newton	T. F. Clancy	S. Case	J. I. Grimley	R. Fisher	Church the Light of the World	11	12	975	
1862	Orange	G. F. Love	S. Case	G. F. Love	T. Davis	Christians the Salt of the Earth	12	52	952	168 78
1863	Schooley's Mountain	L. Morse	S. Case	S. Case	Committee	Aiding Ministers	12	152	1084	207 92
1864	Greenville	L. Morse	S. Case	C. J Thompson	E. S. Wheeler	Claims of Missions	12	17	1046	357 15
1865	Port Jervis	M. Stoll	S. Case	W. H. Runyon	J. R. Remsen	Individual Responsibility	12	91	1098	477 18
1866	First Wantage	M. Stoll	S. Case	F. M Grenelle	Levi Morse	Scriptural View of the Church	11	65	958	381 78
1867	North Vernon	M. Stoll	S. Case	D. Silver	D T. Hill	Prayer Meeting [Church	11	53	1027	1004 80
1868	Mount Salem	D. Silver	S. Case	D. T. Hill	W. H Runyon	Revival and Declension of Religion in the	10	101	1021	775 40
1869	Hamburgh	D. Silver	S. Case	S. Case	T. M. Grenelle	Importance of Activity in Lord's Work	8	38	886	697 50
1870	Lafayette	T. M. Grenelle	S. Case	J. R. Remsen	D. Silver	Covetousness	7	20	642	260 05
1871	First Wantage	T. M. Grenelle	S. Case	T. M. Grenell	G. F. Love	Church History	7	16	627	2179 39

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1872	Glenwood.....	D. M. Wilson..	G. F. Love.....	J. T Craig....	J T Craig.....	E. Howell	Church History.....	31	214	4014	74458 58
1873	Morristown...	W. H. Parmly..	G. F. Love.....	J. T. Craig.....	W. H. Parmly.....	J. B. Stephens.....	Church History	35	352	4126	96449 60
1874	East Orange.....	D. Silver.....	G F. Love	J. L. Davis.. ..	J. Day.....	G F. Love..... ...	Church History. ...	36	56	4818	120247 59